

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES



Tuesday, January 25, 2022 – Regular Meeting

5:30 P.M.

Virtual Via Microsoft Teams

Due to the extreme number of COVID-19 cases in Jackson County, this meeting will be held virtually.

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Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

10. Roll Call

Members present: Marie Cabler, Julian Cordle, Rich Hansen, Elizabeth Leydsman, Ryan Lundgaard, Dan Ratty, Sulayman Rizvi, Christopher Rose (*arrived as noted), Jaime Stephens. Members absent: Phil Ortega. Council Liaison present: Eric Stark. Staff present: Rich Rosenthal, Tim Stevens, Jennifer Sparacino, Jesse Nyberg. Guests present: Andrew Gast (Race Organizer), Sharon Schmidt (OR Honey and Mead Festival), Barry Thalden (New Spirit Village Developer), Gary Miller (Medford Sports Hall of Fame).

20. Approval of Minutes

20.1 – December 14, 2021 – Approved as submitted

30. Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience

Due to the extreme number of COVID-19 cases in Jackson County, no in-person public comments will be heard during this meeting. The Parks and Recreation Commission encourages written comments which may be submitted by regular mail to: Parks and Recreation Commission, 701 N Columbus Ave, Medford OR 97501 or by email to: parks@cityofmedford.org. Comments must be received by 12:00 pm on the date of the meeting to be noted in the record. Please include the date of the meeting with your comments.

30.1 Roxy Ann Endurance Race Organizer – Mr. Gast explained his event and requested an exemption from the park regulations re: his event being held after park hours. *Mr. Rose arrived.

Motion: Grant exemption to the park hours for this event in October. Motion made by Ms. Cabler, seconded by Mr. Hansen. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cordle asked Mr. Gast to come back to the commission after his event to speak about how it went.

Sharon Schmidt spoke about the Oregon Honey & Mead Festival and requested the park rental fees be waived. Mr. Cordle requested that she email staff with details of the event and her request, and the item will be placed on a meeting agenda.

40. Commission and Special Reports

40.1 Arts Commission

- Appoint Larry Smith to vacant position and Caroline Carnes to youth position.

Motion: Appoint Larry Smith, and Caroline Carnes to youth position. Motion made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Ms. Cabler. Motion passed with 8 yes and 1 abstention.

40.2 Cemetery Commission – Mr. Rosenthal stated he met with the Commission re: becoming a committee and they were not comfortable with it so the proposal will not be going forward.

40.3 Bee City USA subcommittee - None

50. New and Continued Business

50.1 New Spirit Village Lewis Park Easement Request – Mr. Rosenthal advised there has been a slight process change and no Commission action is necessary tonight. He introduced Mr. Thalden who gave an update on the project status.

50.2 Medford Sports Hall of Fame Permanent Display Location – Mr. Rosenthal gave a brief history of the Hall of Fame and explained why Rogue Credit Union Community Complex may be the best place to display the plaques. (*Mr. Ratty left the meeting)

Motion: Approve the permanent display of Hall of Fame at RCUCC as proposed. Motion made by Ms. Cabler, seconded by Mr. Hansen. Motion passed unanimously.

60. Committee, Sub-Committee and Affiliate Reports

60.1 Tree Committee - None

60.2 Prescott Park - None

60.3 Bear Creek Greenway Joint Powers Board - None

60.4 Medford Parks and Recreation Foundation – Mr. Rosenthal stated there is a \$1,000 donation coming soon from the Rotary pickleball tournament.

70. Staff Reports

70.1 Rogue Credit Union Community Complex Update – Mr. Rosenthal advised it is now officially Rogue X. City Council approved the GMP; activity will start onsite late March; staff is working on operations plan that will come to the Commission for review and approval, then to Council for approval.

70.2 Disc Golf Feasibility Study – Mr. Rosenthal advised City Council authorized \$15,000 for a feasibility study using marijuana tax money.

70.3 2022 Youth Baseball Tournament Registration Process Update – Mr. Rosenthal advised the new methodology approved recently by the Commission has resulted in 386 teams applying for 204 spots in tournaments. There were some upset teams but it is a fair process.

70.4 2021 Sports Park Economic Impact Report – Mr. Rosenthal reviewed the report and answered Commissioner's questions. Mr. Cordle asked about status of the sports park name change; Mr. Rosenthal advised it is in process.

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80. Commissioner Remarks

None

90. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

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